

# Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland

*Respect  
Life*

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## Mass Schedule:

### Sacred Hearts Church

165 South Main Street, Bradford, Massachusetts

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Daily: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

### St. Patrick Church

114 Center Street, Groveland, Massachusetts

Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

The Church is open for prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Adoration: Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., IHM Chapel

Penance: Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., IHMC and upon request.

Baptism: Please call the Pastoral Center for available dates to schedule a small group baptism on select Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

## Parish Staff

Very Rev. John Delaney, V.F., Pastor

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Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate

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## Mission Statement for Sacred Hearts Parish



Sacred Hearts Parish exists to serve as a living testimony to Christ's presence within its faith community which is strengthened and nourished by a firm commitment to the Gospel values through prayer, worship, faith formation and service.

Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook! 

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## POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

- If someone were writing the story of your life, what sources would you want them to look at? Journals? Interviews with family members? Social media? Why or why not?
- If you were sitting in the synagogue when your neighbor Jesus stood up and read this passage from Isaiah, how do you think you would react?
- If you had to name the "part of the body" that you are in your parish, what would it be? Why?
- Ezra's words tell us, "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep." Is there a situation in your life that can be reframed by this command?

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 22, 2022**

8:00 a.m. ~ Marilyn A. Zuber, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Robert Boncore

**SUNDAY, January 23, 2022**

7:30 a.m. ~ Michael and Ann Sign

9:00 a.m. ~ Robert Casoli

10:15 a.m. ~ Patrick and Marguerite Hunt

11:30 a.m. ~ William J. F. Murphy

**MONDAY, January 24, 2022**

7:00 A.M. ~ Michael Aldrich

**TUESDAY, January 25, 2022**

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

**WEDNESDAY, January 26, 2022**

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

**THURSDAY, January 27, 2022**

7:00 a.m. ~ Samuel Scandura, Month's Mind

**FRIDAY, January 28, 2022**

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY, January 29, 2022**

8:00 a.m. ~ Dr. Gene Grillo, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Jeannette Heines

**SUNDAY, January 30, 2022**

7:30 a.m. ~ Jane Rubino

9:00 a.m. ~ Barbara Ann Rowell

10:15 a.m. ~ Jeannie Scollins

11:30 a.m. ~ Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murray



## Get Involved this New Year!

"It's our parish!" This powerful sentiment shared at our recent meeting of the Forming Leaders Committee came from a realization that if we, the faithful, don't respond to God's invitations when they arise, who will? There isn't someone else coming to do the work God has destined for each of us. A life of faith is not just about personal prayer and piety. Those things are important, but as we see in the Gospels time and again, being the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth" is also about sharing our light, our gifts, with the whole body of Christ, the Church. This parish needs *you*! You may think you have nothing to offer, but God calls each one of us in unique ways. Please look at this list. Is God calling you through any one (or more) of these ways of stepping up in our community? Please email Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, at [ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com](mailto:ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com) if you would like to discuss these or any other ways you might say "yes!" to God's call!

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Lector (Proclaim God's Word)
- Eucharistic Minister
- Greeter (Welcome people and chat with them as they arrive)
- Serve on a committee
- Teach kids (grades K-10)
- Teach adults (RCIA program)
- Play an instrument at Mass
- Sing at Mass
- Participate in a Bible Study
- Give a talk at a retreat
- Help in Stations of the Cross
- Homebound ministry
- Help sew baptismal robes
- Help serve at funerals
- Assist with parents and tots
- Have a talent? Share it!

Dear Friends,

We are many parts, but we are all one body.

Have you ever looked at someone else with envy? I certainly have. What if my appearance, my skill set, my luck, were more like that of *that* person over there? Would I be happier? Healthier? More able to live out my calling? These thoughts are part of the human condition. It's innate to want to be our best selves. Often we confuse being the best version of our own selves with being better than others. If we're not better than others, we reason, then what do they get to enjoy that we miss out on?

Conversely, sometimes our spirituality isn't based on the holiness of God, but on just making sure we don't sin as badly as someone else we might know. "Sure, I may have lied," we may reason, "but at least I didn't kill, like that person over there." Comparison robs us of true joy and of true holiness.

St. Paul knew well the danger of comparison and this week's second reading encapsulates much of the wisdom of St. Paul in this regard. The longer form of the second reading, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, has the option of being shortened to simply verses 12-14 and 27. The long form has some beautiful logic pertaining to the pitfall of comparison. St. Paul wonders what would happen if an eye tried to be an ear, or a foot, a hand: "If a foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,' it does not for this reason belong any less to the body." or, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended."

What if we truly embraced the idea that each of us exists in the body of Christ *as he intended*? What if you or I are not lacking in any good because we are not like some good person we know? What if we are exactly as we should be? This is not to say that any of us is perfect. All of us are impaired by the reality of sin. But it is essential that each of us aims to overcome the sin that manifests in us, and seeks to live out our own uniqueness. We hold up the saints as models of holiness, but of course, your holiness and mine will not look exactly like any one particular saint's.

We are not uniform. But we are united. Just like a body, says St. Paul, "if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it. If one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." This is why so much of our call to holiness rests on serving the suffering. We cannot separate ourselves from the plight of others, and a community is only ever doing as well as its least successful member. This is why the heart of the Gospel, as we hear Jesus quoting the beginning of the 61st chapter of Isaiah this week, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed be free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

As we begin this year, may it be a year acceptable to the Lord, a year in which all of us aims to be our best, and all of us aims to lift up the lowly and hurting members of our body.

Dr. Elizabeth Woodard  
Pastoral Associate

### Sunday, January 16, 2021

114 envelopes:	\$ 3,029.00
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Online Giving (104 donors)	\$ <u>2,504.88</u>
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### St. Vincent de Paul

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### Parish Support

### [Second Collection – Church in Latin America](#)

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm) for information.



**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday: January 23, 2022**

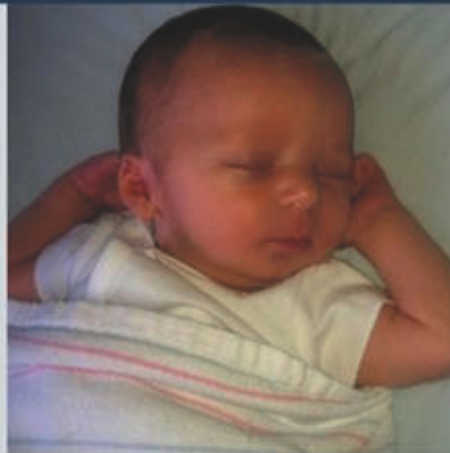
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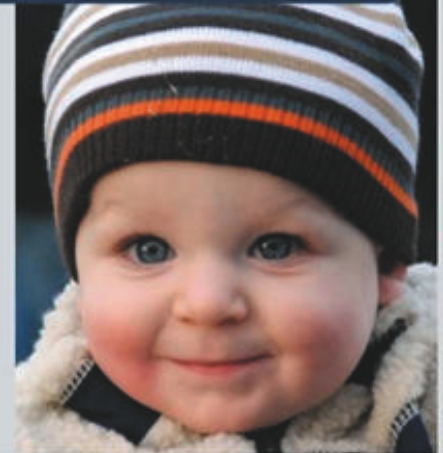
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5



**30 weeks**



**1 month**



**15 months**

This January marks the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, legalizing abortion on demand. In the U.S. alone, over 62.5 million infants have lost their lives to abortion. Recently, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Center brought abortion back to the Supreme Court, opening the door to a new hope that all life will be protected.

As Christians, our purpose is to save and transform lives and share the love of Christ. When a pregnancy is unexpected, it can be difficult to see this new little life as a gift. We help women and men see the beauty, joy and value of this new life. We are excited to announce that we will soon offer ultrasound services at all three of our center locations, giving a new mother the chance to see her baby and hopefully choose life.

We trust that this year will be a turning point in protecting God's children, but we need your help now more than ever. Please consider donating to the work of the Pregnancy Care Center, honoring God and His beautiful creation. Donate at [www.PCCFriends.org](http://www.PCCFriends.org). Thank you!

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*Please pray for all medical professionals, first responders, and all working on the front line.*

### Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamp next to each Tabernacle in our worship spaces burn brightly to remind us of the real presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



For the week of January 23, 2022

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**Norman Trottier**

### FREE COVID VACCINES NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Free COVID vaccines are available in January on **Fridays** from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **AND Sundays** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Citizen Center in Haverhill, 10 Welcome Street. **NO APPOINTMENT, ID nor health insurance are necessary.** Vaccines are available for children AND adults. Booster shots are also available. Call Mary Connolly, RN, Community Health Nurse, COA Director, City of Haverhill, at 978-374-2390 X 3915 with questions.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) has a long history of helping those in need living in Bradford and Groveland. Our Help-Line can be reached by calling 978-372-5824 or by emailing us at [SVdPBradford@gmail.com](mailto:SVdPBradford@gmail.com)



**Are you feeling called to help?** Contact Tom Carbone at [tgcarbone@comcast.net](mailto:tgcarbone@comcast.net) or 978-314-4733.

### ADORATION

Adoration is held Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel.



## PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.  
Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or  
Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

### Did You Know?

Did you know on January 25th the Church will celebrate the feast of **The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**? St. Paul's conversion to faith in Christ occurred through an encounter on the road to Damascus where he was traveling in search of Christians to persecute. Encountering a bright light and the voice of Christ, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5), Paul was blinded and fell to the ground, understanding in those moments the truth of who Jesus Christ is. Certainly, most Catholics/Christians will never experience a dramatic conversion similar to Paul's, but the Church teaches us that we all are called to conversion as a life-long process - a continual turning of our hearts to God and away from sin. In His teaching, Jesus linked conversion and repentance closely together, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15) The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "Jesus' call to conversion and penance" aims at the "*conversion of the heart, interior conversion.*" (Para. 1430) ... Food for thought as Lent approaches in a few short weeks.

### Online Giving



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### MASKS FOR SAFETY

In the light of the spiking numbers of new COVID cases, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the Archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate is now in effect. It will expire on Thursday, March 3, 2022.







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**CONGRATULATIONS** to

Mrs. Rhonda Kurto (Grade 7-8 Science) and Mrs. Crystal White (Grade 2) on being named Haverhill YMCA Educators of the Year!

Again, this year during these most challenging of times, all nominees were deservedly awarded this prestigious honor! Sacred Hearts School is so very proud of these exceptional educators!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, January 21st**

**God Squad** for 3rd - 8th grades meets at 6:30 p.m. in St. Patrick Church Hall

**Sunday, January 23rd**

**Sunday Classes** Grades K-8th meet from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym

**Confirmation Year 2** meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 26th**

**Wednesday Classes** Grades K-8th meets from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria

**Family Prayer**

O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way.

Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you.

We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way.

AMEN.



Faith Formation online resources for 2nd - 8th grades are accessible through our webpage:

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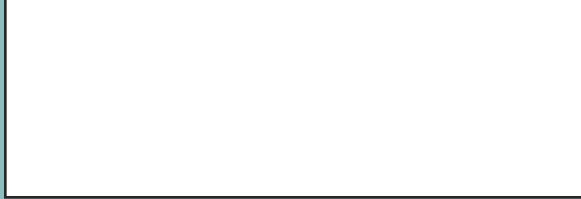


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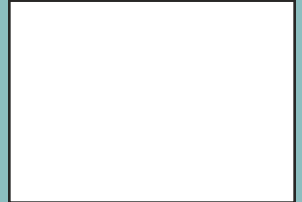
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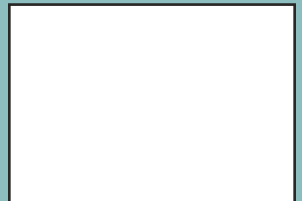
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